Mr. A. B. SALEM.

The question is, "Is not European qualification essential for the Chief Medical and Sanitary Officer, even when Civil Surgeons require it". The question is whether it is essential in the case of the Chief Medical and Sanitary Officer, and the answer is that the order does not make such qualifications indispensable in the case of Civil Surgeons. A question put in the Legislative Council is a question for the country, and everybody has a right to ask questions to make the answer plain. The order says that, in the case of Civil Surgeons, European qualifications is not essential. Is that the answer, I ask?

PRESIDENT.

The member has accepted it as an answer.

Mr. A. B. SALEM.

Sir, I rise to a point of order. Any member who has put a question can put a supplementary question—Rule 14 of the Legislative Council Rules.

"A supplementary question" means "many supplementary questions". The question is whether that member could only ask the question or any other could ask the question.

PRESIDENT.

Has not the President given a ruling on the point?

Many members stated that there was a ruling.

PRESIDENT.

I remember there was a ruling to that effect.

Mr. A. B. SALEM.

That was only an understanding but no ruling.

PRESIDENT.

I may even now repeat the ruling.

Mr. A. B. SALEM.

That is, the qualification for a member to put a supplementary question is that he must have asked a question, so that, if any member of the Council has asked a question in the Council, he can put a supplementary question also. I have asked questions in this Council. Thus I have the right to put a supplementary question.

PRESIDENT.

I think no reply is necessary. At any rate, I am not in a position to say anything now. (*Laughter.*)

The Appointment of the Council Secretary as a member of the Finance Committee.

Mr. K. T. MATHEW.

151. Will the Government be pleased to mention

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(a) the reason for removing the Diwan Peishkar from the Standing Finance Committee and appointing, instead of the Diwan Peishkar, the Secretary to the Legislative Council, and

(b) whether the Secretary to the Legislative Council should be a member of all Committees appointed by the Government, and if so, to give the reason for it ?

Mr. P. DAMODARA MENON.

(a) Government thought that the cost and sacrifice to other work of the Diwan Peishkar could be avoided by the appointment of the Secretary to the Legislative Council as an official member of the Standing Finance Committee, to which he is well-fitted.

(b) No hard and fast rule can be laid down. Government will act according to the circumstances of each case.

Police Training at Vellore.

Mr. A. B. SALEM.

152. Will the Government be pleased to inform

(a) How many graduates are now in the Police force at present ;

(b) the date on which the suggestion to select Mr. P. Neelakandha Menon was first before the Government;

(c) the dates on which the suggestion for the selection of Messrs. A. L. Devassi and Ankarath Ravunni Mannadiar was first before the Government;

(d) whether Messrs. Neelakandha Menon, Devassi and Mannadiar were applicants for appointments in the Police Department; and if so, the date of their respective applications ?

Mr. P. DAMODARA MENON.

(a) Six.

(b) 18th March 1925.

(c) 18th March 1925 and 9th September 1925 respectively.

(d) No.

Mr. A. B. SALEM.

153. (a) Will the Government be pleased to inform whether the Commissioner of Police was consulted with reference to the selection of the above-named gentlemen for the Police training ;

(b) Whether there are no men already in the Police service who could have been selected for such training ;

(c) Whether the Government invited applications for those posts by notification in the Gazette and notices in newspapers

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